GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

ABSTRACT

Public Services - Revenue Department - Sri J. Durga Ravindranath, the then Tahsildar, Visakhapatnam rural Mandal of Visakhapatnam District, now Dy. Collector, Retired - irregularities in granting Ryothwari patta even though there is an appeal pending under Sec 10 (A) and also set aside the similar orders of District Revenue Officer, Visakhapatnam for the land measuring an extent of Ac.4.95 cts in Sy.No. 26/1 of Yendada Village, Visakhapatnam Rural Mandal- Disciplinary proceedings under rule - 20 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991 r/w rule of A.P Revised Pension Rules, 980- Articles of charge - Issued .

REVENUE (VIGILANCE-I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.896 **Dated: 29.09.2023**

Read:

G.O.Ms.No.464 Revenue (Vig.I) Dept., dt: 29.09.2023

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ORDER:

In pursuance to the G.O read above, it is proposed to hold an enquiry against Sri J. Durga Ravindranath, the then Tahsildar, Visakhapatnam rural Mandal of Visakhapatnam District, now Dy. Collector, Retired in accordance with the procedure laid down in Rule 20 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991.

2. The substance of the imputations of misconduct or misbehaviour in respect of which the inquiry is proposed to be held is set out in the enclosed statement of articles of charge (Annexure- I). A statement of imputations of misconduct / misbehaviour in support of each article of charge is enclosed (Annexure-II). A list of documents by which, and a list of witnesses by whom, the articles of charge proposed to be sustained are also enclosed (Annexures-III)

3. Sri J. Durga Ravindranath, the then Tahsildar, Visakhapatnam rural Mandal of Visakhapatnam District, now Dy. Collector, Retired is directed to submit, within 10 days from the date of receipt of this order, a written statement of his defence.

4. Sri J. Durga Ravindranath, the then Tahsildar, Visakhapatnam rural Mandal of Visakhapatnam District, now Dy. Collector, Retired, is informed that an inquiry will be held only in respect of those articles of charge as are not admitted. He should, therefore, specifically admit or deny each article of charge.

5. Sri J. Durga Ravindranath, the then Tahsildar, Visakhapatnam rural Mandal of Visakhapatnam District, now Dy. Collector, Retired is further informed that if he does not submit his written statement of defence on or before the date specified in para 3 above, further action will be processed based on the material available.

6. Attention of Sri J. Durga Ravindranath, the then Tahsildar, Visakhapatnam rural Mandal of Visakhapatnam District, now Dy. Collector, Retired is invited to Rule 24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964, under which no Government Servant shall bring or attempt to bring any political or outside influence to bear upon any superior authority to further his interest in respect of matters pertaining to her service under the Government. If any representation is received on her behalf from another person in respect of any matter dealt within these proceedings, it will be presumed that Sri J. Durga Ravindranath, the then Tahsildar, Visakhapatnam rural Mandal of Visakhapatnam District, now Dy. Collector, Retired is aware of such a representation and that it has been made at his instance and action will be taken against her for violation of Rule 24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

7. The receipt of the Order be acknowledged.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

G. SAI PRASAD
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To

Sri J. Durga Ravindranath, the then Tahsildar, Visakhapatnam rural Mandal of Visakhapatnam District, now Dy. Collector, Retired (Through the Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, A.P., Mangalagiri for service and to return the served copy with dated acknowledgement immediately (By RPAD))

The Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, A.P., Mangalagiri

Copy to:

The District Collector, Visakhapatnam District

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ANNEXURE-II

STATEMENT OF IMPUTATIONS OF MISCONDUCT OR MISBEHAVIOUR IN SUPPORT OF THE ARCLE OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SRI. J.DURGA RAVINDRANATH (RETD.) THE THEN TAHSILDAR, VISAKHAPATNAM RURAL MANDAL OF VISAKHAPATNAM DISTRICT

The revision petition orders issued by the Commissioner Appeals, O/o CCLA Dt.20.12.2022, revealed that

(i) there is a dispute regarding the claiming rights over the land situated in Sy.No.26/1 of Yendada village measuring to an extent Ac.4.95 Cts since Inam Abolition Act. The subject land belongs to Maharaja of Vizianagaram. In this issue 4 parties claiming the rights over the said land and the issue is pending at Commissioner Appeals, O/o CCLA under Sec 10 (A)

(ii) At his juncture, the then Tahsildar Visakhapatnam Rural Mandal of Visakhapatnam District has issued orders dt. 11.2.2013 under section 7(1) of the A.P. Inams (Abolition and Conversion into Ryotwari) Act 1958 granting Ryothwari patta over the land in in Sy. No. 26/1 to an extent of Ac. 4.95 cents which was classified as Ryotwari Dry located at Yendada village of erstwhile Visakhapatnam Taluk and presently Visakhapatnam Rurla Mandal in favour of Sri K.V. Rama Raju represented by LR's during the pendency of appeal under Sec 10 (A) before the DRD Visakhapatnam. Further, the DRO has also issued orders in the appeal .No.2505/2004 u/s 10-A(2) of Inams (Abolition and Conversion into Rytwari)Act, 1956 in favour of the said persons.

(iii) All the officers at different levels, i..e, the then Tahsildar, the then SDT, the then RDO and the then DRO, at different levels have not considered the crucial point that the subject land is a personal grant of Vizianagaram Maharaja without burden of payment of jodi or rendering service. Thus the lower courts/authorities misdirected in assessing the issue in right perspective vitiating the decision making process and the decisions per-se.

The Commissioner Appeals has issued orders, dt.20.12.2022 that the order of the Tahsildar, Visakhapatnam Rural Mandal, Dt: 11.02.2013 and orders, dt: 18.10.2016 of the District Revenue Officer, Visakhapatnam, in granting ryothwari pata over the land admeasuring Ac. 4.95 Cts in Sy. No. 26/1 of Yendada Villagein favour of KV Rama Raju represented by LR's during the pendency of appeal under sec 10(A) before the DRO, Visakhapatnam is illegal and bad in law both on facts as well as statute hence requires to be set aside; similarly the orders of the District Revenue Officer, Visakhapatnam passed in SR. No. 1/2013/F3, Dt: 18.10.2016 under sec 10(A) of the IA Act is set aside.

He has also stated that the subject land is private property of Maharaja of Vizianagaram and conveyance of the land through Trust deed in favour of MANSAS as valid.

Hence, the charge.

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ANNEXURE-I

STATEMENT OF ARTICLE OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SRI J. DURGA RAVINDRANATH (RETD) THE THEN TAHSILDAR. VISAKHAPATNAM RURAL MANDAL OF VISAKHAPATNAM DISTRICT.

Sri J. Durga Ravindranath Retired Tahsidar White working as Tahsildar Visakhapatnam Rural Mandal of Visakhapatnam District during this period of 13.7.2012 to 20.2 2014, ne committed irregularity much as much as;

ARTICLE OF CHARGE:

That Sri J. Durga Ravindranath Retired Tahsildar While working as Tahsildar Visakhapatnam Rural Mandal of Visakhapatnam District has issued orders dt. 22.2.2013 under section 7(1) of the A.P. Inams (Abolition and Conversion into Ryotwari) Act 1958 granting Ryothwari patta over the land in in Sy. No. 26/1 to an extent of Ac. 4.95 cents which was classified as Ryotwari Dry located at Yendada village of erstwhile Visakhapatnam Taluk and presently Visakhapatnam Rurla Mandal in favour of Sri K.V. Rama Raju represented by LR's during the pendency of appeal under Sec 10 (A) before the DRD Visakhapatnam is legal and bad in law on facts even though the entre records reveals that the subject property is private personal property of Maharaja the Tahaldar without application of mind and he was blindly started to conduct the inquires under IA Act.

Thus Sri J. Durga Ravindranath Retired Tahsildar While working as Tahsildar Visakhapatnam Rural Mandal of Visakhapatnam District by his above mentioned acts exhibited lack of devotion to duty failed to maintain integrity behaved in a manner unbecoming of Government Servant and thereby violated the rule 3(1), 3(2) & 3(5) of A.P. Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964 warranting disciplinary action under A.P.C.S (Classification, Control & Appeal) Rules, 1991.

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ANNEXURE-III

LIST OF DOCUMENTS BY WHICH THE ARTICLE OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SRI. J.DURGA RAVINDRANATH (RETD.) THE THEN TAHSILDAR, VISAKHAPATNAM RURAL MANDAL OF VISAKHAPATNAM DISTRICT ARE PROPOSED TO BE SUSTAINED

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1. Orders dt. 31.1.2013 of the RDO, Visakhapatnam in Appeal case No. 2505/04/C.
2. Orders dt. 11.2.2013 of the Tahsildar, Visakhapatnam Rural Mandal in AIAC No. 07/1977 under Section 7(1) of the A.P. Inams (Abolition and Conversion into Ryotwari Act 1956.
3. Orders of the DRO, Visakhapatnam dt 18.10.2016 in S.R.No.1/2013/13/F3.

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ANNEXURE-IV

LIST OF WITHNESSES BY WHOM THE ARTICLE OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SRI. J. DURGA RAVINDRANATH (RETD.) THE THEN TAHASILDAR, VISAKHAPATNAM RURAL MANDAL OF VISAKHAPATNAM DISTRICT ARE PROPOSED TO BE SUSTAINED.

-NIL-

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